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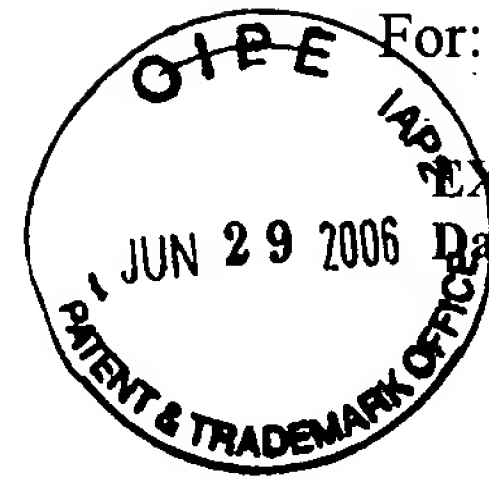
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For:

**SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

On September 7, 2005, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 119-126 and 129-131. A Notice of Appeal was filed on December 6, 2005, and Applicants' Appeal Brief was filed February 7, 2006.

Applicants submit herewith is a Preliminary Amendment, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed requesting no extension of time. Applicants' arguments presented in the previously filed Appeal Brief and Reply Brief are incorporated herewith in their entirety.

This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with an Information Disclosure Statement with additional references in support of the Applicants' arguments and with the submission of a new Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Paul Polakis with Exhibits A and B. Entry of these documents and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.